

Egremont News

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Rules & Regulations of this Newsletter:

SCHOOL IS OPEN: Please be aware to keep our children safe.

Selectmen:

On October 16, 2016, from 11am to 2pm, the Town is having an open house type of event for residents to say goodbye to our retiring employees, say hello to new employees, and have a meet and greet with other town officials. We will have tables sponsored by town departments with educational items for children and adults. Snacks and drinks will be available. Please stop by.

Please welcome our new Town employees:
Tyler Race - Police Chief: Tyler was born
here in Egremont. He began his police career here in
Egremont. Chief Race replaces Chief Brian Shaw,
also from Egremont, who chose to retire. We thank
Brian for his years of service to the Town and look
forward to many years of service from Tyler.

James Noe - Road Superintendent: Jim worked on our Road crew for 10 years, and was the Road Superintendent for part of that time before he decided to move on. We are thankful he chose to return to public service in Egremont. Jim replaces Tim Hosier who has gone to work for the Town of Great Barrington. We thank Tim for his service to Egremont and wish him well in Great Barrington.

Thomas Reynolds - Buildings and Grounds Superintendent: Also a local whose family has years of history in Egremont and its town government. Tom comes to us with years of experience in buildings and grounds maintenance. He replaces Nick Ball who worked for the Town for 29 years. We thank Nick for his many years of service and wish him the best of luck in his retirement.

The Town currently has a vacancy on its Highway Department for an operator/laborer. If you are interested in joining a great team of employees and be of service to the community please contact Town Hall for more information.

Planning work has begun on the Mt. Washington Road bridge. Construction is planned to begin in early to mid-September. When we have a schedule of work we will get it out to the residents of Mount Washington Road and to the Town of Mount Washington.

We have begun preparations for the work to be done at the South Egremont School House. Work will be done while the students are not at the building, during vacations and then summer break.

ECO-TIP

Use rat or mouse traps, not poisons. Owl populations are diminishing because they eat rodents that have consumed the blood-thinning poison, and then they (the owls) bleed to death from even a small wound.

Town Clerk:

Information on the Upcoming November Election:

Tuesday, November 8th, is Election Day. Our polling station is the North Egremont Fire House, 175 Egremont Plain Road. Voting hours are 7:00am - 8:00pm. The last day to register to vote is October 19, 2016.

For this election not only will you be voting for President, but also on the ballot will be US Representative, State Senator, State Representative, Sheriff, School Committee and numerous ballot questions. Copies of specimen ballots will be on view at Town Hall, the South Egremont Post Office and the North Egremont Store. Please familiarize yourself with the entire ballot before Election Day.

New this year in Massachusetts is Early Voting. Starting Monday, October 24th and running until Friday, November 4th form the hours of 1:00pm to 3:00pm

(excluding Sundays) you can come to Town Hall to vote. For your convenience Saturday hours for Early Voting will be on Saturday October 29th from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Early Voting can only be done during these posted times.

Please note: Early Voting was enacted simply to keep people from waiting in long lines on Election Day. Since long lines or long wait times have never been an issue here in Egremont it might be best for you to keep your regular hours method of voting on Election Day at the North Egremont Fire House. If there are to be long waiting times for anyone voting in Egremont, it will probably be during Early Voting hours as the staffing will be minimal.

Absentee Voting is still available to those who cannot physically come to the North Egremont Fire House or who will be away form the polls on Election Day. Absentee Voting is done by mail, so if you would like a ballot sent to you, please email Juliette Haas at townclerk@egremont-ma.gov and request an absentee ballot. If this will be your mode of voting, it's best to start this process at least a month before Election Day to allow enough time for the ballots to make it back or forth through the mail.

If you have any questions about the various methods of voting for the November election please give Town Clerk Juliette Haas a call at 413-528-0182 ext 11.

ECO-TIP

Use tap water. Don't buy single-serve bottles of water.

THE RECYCLE SHED (aka Swap Shop) at the Transfer Station is being abused. If we don't take care of it, it will disappear. Please note:

- 1) There's no list of volunteers we are ALL responsible!
- 2) The "No Junk" sign is being ignored. Items left should be in useable condition. DO NOT leave anything you wouldn't hand directly to your neighbor.
- 3) Keeping the Swap Shop clean and tidy shouldn't be a full-time job. When you are looking for treasures, make sure you (and your kids) leave the shed in the condition it was, or better. If you see trash, throw it in the garbage!
- 4) When "shopping," move your car to the side. Don't occupy space needed by those dropping off trash and recyclables.

Please help, or we'll lose this valuable asset.

Update from the Egremont Technology Committee

This update summarizes broadband network activities that have been underway during July and August.

RFP process completed on schedule. The Town received four responses to the May 16 Request for Proposals for Network Design, Engineering, and Consulting Services. We narrowed the field to two companies plus the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI). In part because the MBI option included a state grant to pay for utility pole surveys and network design and consulting services, the Technology Committee determined that the MBI option offered the greatest benefit to the Town. We recommended this option to the Egremont Select Board, and the Board voted to accept this recommendation at their regular meeting on Monday, July 25. Since that time, the Town has been working with MBI to secure necessary planning and financing approvals, all of which have been obtained, and to finalize the agreement with MBI.

New, unexpected development. On August 24 we learned that a private company, FiberConnect LLC, is in advanced stages of planning a high speed fiber optic broadband network in Egremont and certain other towns. During the month of August they conducted their own utility pole surveys in Egremont, and they have already filed pole lease applications with Verizon and National Grid.

We have partial information from FiberConnect indicating that they are planning a two-phase build out of a 1 gigabit (very fast) broadband network that will offer Internet and optional phone service. Their first phase would concentrate on the most densely populated areas of Egremont (the villages and nearby areas), covering about 60% of Town residents. They plan to have this phase up and running by spring 2017. Their second phase would extend service further out from the population centers to cover another 20% - 25% of residents; we do not yet know the schedule for the second phase or the exact geographical areas that would be included. They have no plans at this time to extend the network to the remaining residents in the remotest parts of Egremont. They have not finalized subscriber pricing but say that it will be in the same general ball park as other towns that are in the process of planning or building broadband networks; neither do we have any information on installation or activation charges. The company says they are 95% certain they will move ahead with their plans and will make a final decision in early September.

The Technology Committee's assessment is that the FiberConnect initiative has advantages and disadvantages. On the plus side, if they follow through on their plans as we understand them, some parts of Town will be up and running at least a year sooner than would be possible under the MBI option that we have been pursuing. Moreover, FiberConnect would be funding network construction with their own capital, meaning that Egremont would not have to borrow against the \$2,940,000 debt authorization voted at the 2015 Town Meeting, and there would be no impact on the property tax rate. Also, they, and not the Town, would bear the business risks involved in owning and operating the broadband network, risks such as too few subscribers to make it financially viable, for example. Another advantage is that, according to the company, they already have "fiber allocation," which means that they have access to fiber optic cable product, which is in short supply nationwide—ordering lead times are now estimated at 12 months. Finally, under the FiberConnect scenario, the Town is relieved of the burden of overseeing the implementation of the network.

On the minus side, FiberConnect is not currently planning to cover 100% of the Town, which has been one of our primary goals since the start of broadband planning in Egremont. Instead, they are cherry-picking the densest parts of Town so that their construction cost per subscriber will be lower. They have said that they might be willing to negotiate additional coverage if the Town and/or state would cover or contribute to the construction cost, and we shall be discussing this with them. Another issue is that there is no guarantee that they will maintain reasonable pricing once they have a captive customer base.

As of this writing (August 30), the Technology Committee has had one informal conversation with FiberConnect, has consulted with Town Counsel and with MBI, and has held one Committee meeting to discuss how to proceed. Based on information known to date, and on advice of Town Counsel, the Committee recommended to the Egremont Select Board on August 29 that the Town 1) seek out and engage an outside legal advisor with appropriate qualifications in this subject matter; 2) hold off on executing the MBI Memorandum of Agreement until we have a clearer picture of how the Town should react to the FiberConnect initiative; and 3) open a more formal dialog with FiberConnect to

learn more about their specific plans and also to advise them of the Town's needs, including our goal of providing high speed broadband to *all* residents who want it. At its regular meeting on August 29, the Select Board voted to accept these recommendations, and we are proceeding accordingly. We will update Town residents as more information becomes available.

Council on Aging:

Our gathering at French Park in June was very well attended. A "Go the Distance" mile walk around the park and Brown Bag picnic lunch were enjoyed by all who attended. We were pleased to have John Lutz, Executive Director of Elder Services of Berkshire County and John Arthur Miller, Options Counselor at Elder Services join us. Judy Isacoff, a friend, neighbor and naturalist from Mt Washington gave a presentation on edible plants. In addition, two representatives of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy, Hannah Chamberlain and Rebecca Carden, talked to us about the wonders of the AT and described possible hikes they might lead for our COA.

Hopefully you have all received a yellow card entitled "Senior Support/Emergency", listing emergency numbers and senior support numbers. It includes a personal number for John Arthur Miller (413) 499-0524, ext 177, should you need services from Elder Care. If you did not receive this card, please contact the Town Hall and we will see you receive one.

Your COA has an exciting list of programs for the 2016-17 season. Events kick off with the Oct. 5th Tea Party honoring our 90 and older senior citizens. We also have Roger the Jester, a sing along, art, quilting, and photography programs planned. A cooking class with Bob Climo is also on the calendar. And John Hockenberry, Egremont resident and NPR commentator, will present a program. Dates for all events will be published in the next Newsletter.

All events will take place at the Egremont Village Inn unless otherwise noted. We hope you will be able to attend these programs. Please contact the Town Hall if you need assistance with transportation. All COA events are offered at no fee to seniors.

On August 19, Hannah Chamberlain of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy led five us (and two dogs), from the Shays Rebellion Monument to Lime Kiln Road to view the historic lime kilns. It was a fun, informative, healthy event. Mark your calendars for Friday, September 16 at 10:00 a.m. when we will do a second walk, starting at the Kellog Conservancy

headquarters on Rt 41.

If your COA can assist you in any way, please leave a message for us at the Town Hall and we will contact you.

Egremont Historical Commission:

On the third weekend in August, the Town of Egremont celebrated its "birthday" with cake and lemonade at the Archives. We were incorporated on August 22, 1775, and as we turned 241 this year, a party at the Mt. Everett Academy, the Library's official MACRIS name, was hosted by the Historical Commission and our town historian, Bill Wood, who spoke about the now over 200 houses in Egremont that are part of the state's registry of architecturally significant properties, called the MACRIS files. You may still go online and see your property even during the current updating. Just google MACRIS.

Working with the sustainability coordinator to insure coordination between the Green Communities grant and the town's contract for historic preservation with the state, the commission has seen that the \$25,000 MPPF study commissioned by the town in 2014 was used to determine the best course of action for upgrades to the Mt. Everett Academy and the installation of the new propane tanks and furnace.

The always inspiring views from Baldwin Hill between North and South Village; the historic green spaces of Jug End and April Hill's Kellogg Farm on Rte 41; and our two National Register Historic District Villages in which can be found nearly half of the houses in Egremont all combine to create our town's sense of place, and are always uppermost in our actions.

So it is disheartening that we cannot offer our support to the planning board's proposed village and rural district bylaw as presented at their July 20th hearing. We would urge the board to remove this plan from a projected November vote, and work with the Board of Selectmen, and all boards and commissions to create a comprehensive Master Plan for our future that is conscious of the economic value of Egremont's history by protecting its vistas and our national register districts.

The Archives and its collection of town artifacts are open the first Saturday of every month from nine to noon on the second floor at One Buttonball Lane, or by appointment.

ECO-TIP

Clean out your dryer's lint filter regularly. This not only reduces the chance of a fire but increases your dryer's efficiency. Also, if the faucets to your washing machine are accessible, turn them off after the wash, and the hoses will last longer.

Egremont Free Library:

Egremont Free Library's next book club book is Guns, Germs and Steel by Jared Diamond. The EFL book club will meet on Thursday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the library. EFL has several copies for those interested in attending. Stop by the library to borrow your copy during library hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. or Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. From the publisher of Guns, Germs and Steel..."In this "artful, informative, and delightful" (William H. McNeill, New York Review of Books) book, Jared Diamond convincingly argues that geographical and environmental factors shaped the modern world. Societies that had had a head start in food production advanced beyond the hunter-gatherer stage, and then developed religion --as well as nasty germs and potent weapons of war -- and adventured on sea and land to conquer and decimate preliterate cultures. A major advance in our understanding of human societies, Guns. Germs, and Steel chronicles the way that the modern world came to be and stunningly dismantles racially based theories of human history. Winner of the Pulitzer Prize, the Phi Beta Kappa Award in Science, the Rhone-Poulenc Prize, and the Commonwealth club of California's Gold Medal."

Hope to see you at the Egremont Free Library! We continue to host fun, family-friendly game nights. We offer a variety of educational and engaging toys including Calico Critters (a doll house, RV, camping tent, and much, much more!), Thomas the Tank Engine round house and several engines, LEGOS (a gazillion pieces with a huge selection of mini figures) and puzzles for young visitors and their families. EFL also offers 24/7 high speed internet available on your own device via wi-fi or on our two library computers during library hours. Check out the latest movies, TV shows, documentaries, etc. via DVD. Our cozy corner complete with a comfortable rocking chair and reading chair are available to those who would like to sit quietly and read. We welcome all!

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Police Department:

I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for your continued support in this time of transition; I know I have some big boots to fill. All the notes, calls and well wishes of support, have been greatly appreciated.

The month of August was a busy one for us at the Egremont Police Department. We have had 360 entries into our daily log this month. We have implemented our new speed/message board which collects data such as: total volume, average speed, maximum speed and minimum speed of vehicles that pass by. All this data is date and time stamped which helps us to know when we should be in a certain area. We are moving the sign to various locations collecting as much data as we can.

We are looking forward to doing the school crossing this year; this should help keep the speeding to a minimum and our school children safe. Looking toward the future, I hope to acquire a breath test machine to do all our OUI bookings in house, as well as more proactive OUI patrols.

Don't forget some of the services we offer at the Egremont Police Department, such as: house checks while you are away, motor vehicle lock outs (we're much faster than AAA), senior visits, VIN verifications, Rx drop box, fingerprinting and disposal of unwanted firearms/ammunition to name a few. Keep in mind my door is always open; if it's important to you, it's important to me. Please don't hesitate to stop by, call, send a note or E-mail with any questions, comments or concerns you may have. As always if you see something say something!

Board of Health:

With summer officially over its time to prepare for fall and winter. The advent of colder weather means putting the garden to bed, racking leaves, ordering and stacking the wood, getting your oil furnace serviced, etc.

From a Board of Health point of view colder weather means flu season. If you've ever gotten the flu you know it is miserable. So what's the best way to avoid getting the flu? You know the answer -- get your flu shot!

Here in Egremont we make getting your flu shot super easy. Our contracted Public Health nurses come to town and in five minutes you can scratch this fall/winter essential off your list.

The flu clinic, which is open to all, will be held at the Egremont Town Hall on Tuesday October 4th from 9:00 until11:30 am. If you have Medicare or private insurance bring your card. If you don't have insurance and cannot pay, you will not be turned away. Every year more and more people attend our flu clinics. See you there!

Fire Department:

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6/22/2016	7:46 PM	73	
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6/25/2016	6:47 AM	74	
Hillsdale Rd.	Medical		
6/25/2016	9:15 PM	75	
Lakeside Dr.	Alarm/False		
6/26/2016	8:31 AM	76	
Jug End Rd.	CO Alarm/False		
6/26/2016	5:29 PM	77	
Guilder Pond Mt Washington Medical			
6/27/2016	8:42 PM	78	
Jug End Rd.	Medical		
6/30/2016	8:12 AM	79	
Main St.	Medical		
7/1/2016	8:6 PM	80	
Farm Lane	CO Alarm		
7/5/2016	6:44 PM	81	
Main St.	MV Accident		
7/9/2016	6:02 AM	82	
Avenue	Medical		
7/9/2016	1:44 PM	83	
Mt. View Rd.	Alarm / False		
7/12/2016	6:00 PM	84	
Under Mountain Rd.	Alarm/Burnt Foo	d	
7/12/2016	9:40 PM	85	
East St. Mt. Washing	ton Medical		
7/12/2016	11:43 PM	86	
Prospect Lake Camp Ground Medical			
7/15/2016	7:34 PM	87	
Canaan NY	Mutual Aid		
7/16/2016	4:36 AM	88	
Mt. Washington Rd.	MV Accident		
7/20/2016	6:38 PM	89	
Mt Washington Rd.	Smell of Smoke		
7/21/2016	4:32 AM	90	
Under Mountain Rd.	Medical		
7/21/2016	11:08 AM	91	
Under Mountain Rd.	Medical		

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7/22/2016	5:11 PM	92	
West St. Mt. Washington medical			
7/26/2016	4:47 Pm	93	
Prospect Lake Rd.	Medical		
7/29/2016	9:43 PM	94	
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7/30/2016	6:36 PM	96	
Hillsdale Rd.	Medical		
8/4/2016	9:23 AM	97	
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8/4/2016	12:12 PM	98	
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8/6/2016	6:39 AM	100	
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8/11/2016	11:43 AM	101	
Millard Rd.	Alarm/False	101	
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	Alarm/False	102	
Millard Rd.		102	
8/12/2016	8:59 AM Medical	103	
Prospect Lake Rd.		104	
8/12/2016	3:42 PM	104	
Monument Mountain		105	
8/12/2016	10:26 PM	105	
Tyrell Rd.	Medical	100	
8/13/2016	2:22 PM	106	
Jug End Rd.	Medical	40-	
8/13/2016	9:15 PM	107	
Partridge Dr.	Wires Down	400	
8/15/2016	7:09 PM	108	
Hillsdale Rd.	Alarm/False		
8/15/2016	11:46 PM	109	
Creamery Rd.	Medical		
8/16/2016	5:01 PM	110	
Mt. Washington Rd.	Medical		
8/17/2016	9:32 PM	111	
Prospect Lake Rd.	MV Accident		
8/18/2016	11:41 PM	112	
Hillsdale Rd	Alarm/False		
8/19/2016	10:52 AM	113	
Lakeside Dr.	Medical		
8/20/2016	1:07 PM	114	
Hillsdale Rd.	Medical		
8/20/2016	3:24 PM	115	

Under Mountain Rd. Medical

Planning Board:

The Planning Board held a Public Hearing on July 20, 2016 to gather input on our proposed bylaw changes concerning village and rural districts. Since that hearing the planning board has received several letters and comments, as well as a signed petition, which we have, and will continue to take into consideration as we adjust our proposal.

We have dealt with several Form A's since the beginning of July. Notably we worked quickly to obtain all of the necessary town approval on a common driveway for Mr. Peter Fasano, so that he could move forward with selling his land.

Egremont Garden Club:

The "Annual Egremont Garden Club Scholarship Tea" featuring a lecture on "Suffragettes & Postcards that won the votes" will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the First Congregational Church, 251 Main Street, Great Barrington, MA 01230.

Ms Colleen Janze, the Executive Director of the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum will show how Susan B. Anthony came to focus on the Suffrage Movement. From the 1850's through the early 1900's, postcards were used to help sway popular view and gain an expanding reach. They were the 19th Century Media Push for Reform. From the collection of over 200 postcards owned by the museum, Colleen will demonstrate how the postcards helped to achieve the final outcome. A collection of these cards will be on view before and after the presentation. Susan B. Anthony was a real reformer. She was born in 1820 and lived in the same house that is now the museum in Adams till she was 6 years old. Then she moved to Rochester, where she died in 1906 at the age of 86. Women gained the right to vote in political elections in 1920, which was the springboard for the issue of equality.

Attending this gathering will illustrate how far we have come. This year we have for the first time in history a woman as a candidate for President of the United States of America at the upcoming elections in November. We hope to see many of you at this event. The members of the club have maintained a long tradition of preparing a delicious, lavish English Tea

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with many home baked delicacies. There will be again a Raffle with many interesting and unique surprises.

Mark your calendar for this year's tea. A Fee of \$15 is required. The proceeds will be used to fund the studies of one local student majoring in agriculture, horticulture or culinary arts.

South Egremont School Crossing Guard:

I was most disappointed this past week to receive a telephone call from Mary at the Egremont Town Hall to advise me that my services for the last three years as the Crossing Guard for the South Egremont School were no longer required as our new Police Chief is including the crossing guard job as part of his new responsibilities.

I shall miss all the drivers on Route 23 at the cross walk giving me the "high sign" as they pass by, the parents and grandparents bringing their charges to and form school, and especially the "little ones" busily attending school every day, who refer to me only as Mister Bill.

Life long resident of the town of Egremont, a graduate of the "South School" in 1951, and a volunteer Connecticut Auxillary State Trooper for over 30 years, hopefully, you may all, on occasion, see me as an "auxiliary crossing guard to the Chief" in the future.

Sincerely, Bill Wood

Mr. Bill, serving on duty for the last three years as your crossing guard.

Friends of Prospect Lake:

We are happy to report that Prospect Lake is busy doing what the Friends were incorporated for: it is serenely and very efficiently supporting a variety of summertime pleasures and the summer's crop of fauna – finned, winged, four-legged and two.

The evidence?

- 1. Various families of birds have nested and fledged around the lake, lots of them seemingly in competition -- at times smaller birds chasing the bigger ones.
- 2. Fishing is in good shape. There's certainly lots of it, with slowly trolling boats drifting peacefully and aimlessly along. Kayaks and paddleboards and canoes show up too, as well as an occasional outboard (10 HP or less, if you please.)

- 3. On-shore sightings around the lake have included deer, loads of rabbits, plenty of squirrels, foxes, coyotes (a coywolf?), bobcats, a moose (honest!) and yep -- a bear.
- 4. *Basso profundo* frogs make their presence unmistakably known most nights.
- 5. A beaver (beavers?) has taken down at least two good sized trees. Often around 7:00 p.m. a beaver visibly and calmly munches a leafy supper just off shore.
- 6. Swimmers crisscross the water, some in pairs, some accompanied by their dogs.

Working with our lake mgt consulting firm, FoPL had to treat the lake twice this summer to maintain our success in keeping the weeds reasonably well managed. Happily, our surveys continue to show we have pretty well knocked Eurasian Milfoil back and have both Tapegrass and Curlyleaf Pondweed under control, with no significant algae problems so far. Our General Meeting in July went smoothly, including its election of officers.

Our annual Tag Sale in late August was successful, and we want to acknowledge that this success takes a Village. Our thanks go to all those from Egremont and surrounding towns who donate the items we polish and price and sell. Heartfelt thanks to the volunteers who do all that polishing and pricing, then man the actual sale tables. Thanks to the Fire Dept for the loan of those tables, to the Police for traffic cones and truck parking, to Goodwill for the truck that thankfully takes our unsold items, to the repeat customers who watch for our sale and even ask for ways to find out next year's date. Very particularly we want to thank the local businesses that make our raffle such a big hit - The Old Mill, Café Adam, Mom's, John Andrews, Castle Street Cafe, Great Barrington Bagels, and Turner Farms Maple Syrup.

Lastly, the Friends of Prospect Lake wish you and yours a good winter. Stay warm and stay in touch – we welcome questions and ideas about our efforts on the lake. More than anything, we welcome new members with fresh views. Info: 528-6957.

ECO-TIP

Always dispose of air conditioners responsibly: www.energystar.gov/products/recycle/recycle_other_ap pliances. 8 Issue 80 September, 2016

Meeting schedule:

Meeting regularly. Subject to change. Please see postings of meetings at Town Hall and the Post Offices for more detail. This is not official.

Archives Room - First Saturday 9-noon or by appointment

Assessors - Tuesdays & Thursdays 9am to 12noon & by appointment

Council on Aging - Last Wednesday of each month at 1pm. Other times as needed.

Board of Health - Monday-Thursday 7am to 12noon. Meetings - Thursdays as posted 10am

Board of Selectmen - Meetings every other Monday evenings 7pm. Office weekdays 7am to 3pm.

Building Inspector - Tuesday 12:30pm to 3:30pm.
Other times and inspections by appointment
Conservation Commission - Second and Fourth
Thursdays 7:00pm

Finance Committee - Wednesdays 4:00pm. January through April. Other times as needed.

Library - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 2-6pm & Saturday 9-12noon 413-528-1474

Planning Board - Second & Fourth Monday 7:30pm School Committee: Second & Fourth Thursdays 6pm Mt. Everett High School Library

Tax Collector: Monday - Friday 7:00am to 3:00pm Town Clerk - Mon-Thurs 1pm to 3pm or by appointment

Transfer Station - Tuesday & Thursday 8am to 1pm, Saturday 8am to 3pm, Sunday 12noon to 4pm

Water Department - Office Clerk weekdays 7am-3pm Meetings second Thursday 3:00pm at Town Hall Zoning Board of Appeals - as needed To reach a board member or to leave a message please call the Town Hall 528-0182.

Business listings:

In an effort to promote local small businesses, the following businesses/services located in, or near, Egremont have agreed to be listed here. If we missed asking you and you wish to be included, please send your information to the Town Hall.

Support local businesses

Prospect Lake Park and Campground - camping, swimming 413-528-4158 prospectlk@aol.com www.prospectlakepark.com

Egremont residents receive a discount to access the beach.

The Inn at Sweet Water Farm - B&B 1 Prospect Lake Road 413-528-2882 www.innsweetwater.com

John Andrews' Restaurant - Restaurant 413-528-3469

Swiss Hutte Country Inn and Restaurant-Restaurant & Lodging 413-528-6200 www.swisshutte.com

Robin's Chair Caning - Chair caning and repairs. Robin Walther 116 Egremont Plain Road 413-528-2537 robinschaircaning@gmail.com

Howard's Antiques - Antique Lighting & Restoration 413-528-1232 www.howardsantiquelighting.com

Red Barn Antiques - Antique lighting & fine metal polishing 413-528-3230

Home - Asian Antiques & Interior Objects 195 Hillsdale Road (Route 23) 413-528-5383 www.homeasianantiques.com

41 Main Antiques Gallery - Vintage and modern furniture, antiques, collectibles, architectural and decorative objects.

413-528-0112

www.41mainantiques.com

Blue Rider Stables - Therapeutic Horseback Riding Lessons, summer programs www.bluerider.org 413-528-5299

Green River Arabians & Pintos -Horse Boarding, lessons, judging. 413-528-2367 arabpinto13@yahoo.com 9 Issue 80 September, 2016

Indian Line Farm - Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) & Farmers Markets 413-528-8301

www.indianlinefarm.com

Ivory Pond Farm -

Llamas, Yarn and Woolens. Dancing Crane Rug Hooking Studio. Hooked rugs, lessons and supplies. Tom & Liz Marino 413-528-9465 www.lizmarinorughooking.com

Llamama@wildblue.net

Turner Farms Maple Syrup - Phillips Road, open 7am to 7pm 7 days a week. 413-528-5710

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http://blaize.com/ 413-429-7467

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Zorn Family Chiropractic-Chiropractor 44 Main Street, South Egremont 413-528-9654 healingspiritdc@yahoo.com

Zorn Core Fitness Personal, Couples & Group Training
Cardio Room - \$25 per month Free 1 month cardio
for Egremont residents
46 Main Street, South Egremont
413-528-1594
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My Boots By Stanley Farnum

I sat in my old rocking chair and felt a little sad
Today I lost a couple friends, the best I've ever had
They were my closest friends for many years
In my hunting and fishing days
But we got so very old and warn that we had to
change our ways.

I wonder how many other folks might feel the same as

me

When they find that parting time has come and they

can only agree

That everything in life wears out like my two old

friends you see.

I've been a country boy for all my days
And ranged the fields and rivers
I've climbed the mountains all about
For a harvest of deer and swift bright trout
And the happiness the woodland delivers

I guess that most folds would think me strange
If they new why I am sad
But I don't care or give two hoots
Because I'll tell you my two old friends
Are my ancient sporting boots

When I was the age of twenty one some seventy years ago

And the depression years were past It was Christmas time and present time and so you know

That when I opened up my box I had new boots at last



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